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E. Qualifications of Providers: (continued)

- (3) (a) qualified before July 1, 1999 as a case manager under the provisions added to this item in 1998 (and deleted in this State plan amendment) covering Department recognition of individuals without bachelor's degrees who had 40 hours of approved training in case management skills and at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of mental health services; and
- (b) meet the continuing education and mentoring requirements, below.

2. Case manager associates. A case manager associate must:

- A. work under the direction of a case manager or case management supervisor;
- B. be at least 21 years of age;
- C. have a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- D. meet one of the following:
  - (1) have an associate of arts degree in one of the behavioral sciences or human services;
  - (2) be a registered nurse without a bachelor's degree;
  - (3) within the previous ten years:
    - (a) have three years of life experience with serious and persistent mental illness or as a child had severe emotional disturbance; or
    - (b) have three years of life experience as a primary caregiver to an adult with serious and persistent mental illness or to a child with severe emotional disturbance;

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- (4) have 6,000 hours work experience as a nondegreed state hospital technician; or
- (5) meet one of the criterion in state law for mental health practitioner: have at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to persons with mental illness.

Individuals meeting one of the criteria in (1) to (4) above may qualify as a case manager after four years of supervised work experience as a case manager associate. Individuals meeting the criteria in (5) may qualify as a case manager after three years of supervised experience as a case manager associate.

Case manager associates must have 40 hours preservice training as described on pages 8 and 9 of this item for case management for clients with serious and persistent mental illness or as described on page 9 for children with severe emotional disturbance, and they must receive at least 40 hours of continuing education in mental illness, severe emotional disturbance, and mental health services annually.

Case manager associates must receive at least one hour of clinical supervision per week from a mental health professional plus four hours of mentoring per week from a case management mentor. For purposes of this item, "case management mentor" means a qualified, practicing case manager or case management supervisor who teaches or advises and provides intensive training and clinical supervision to one or more case manager associates. At least two mentoring hours per week must be individual and face-to-face.

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3. Others.

An immigrant who is neither a case manager nor a case manager associate may provide case management services to adult immigrants with serious and persistent mental illness or to children with severe emotional disturbance who are members of the same ethnic group if the immigrant:

- A. is currently enrolled in and is actively pursuing credits toward the completion of a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or a related field including, but not limited to, social work, psychology, or nursing from an accredited college or university;
- B. completes 40 hours of training; and
- C. for case management services to clients with serious and persistent mental illness, receives clinical supervision at least once a week until he or she becomes a case manager or case manager associate; or
- D. for case management services to children with severe emotional disturbance, receives clinical supervision at least once a week until he or she receives a bachelor's degree and 2,000 hours of supervised experience.

F. Freedom of Choice:

The State assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of provider in violation of §1902(a)(23) of the Act, except as provided for under §1915(g)(1) of the Act.

- 1. Eligible recipients' choice of providers of case management services will be limited under §1915(g)(1) to providers defined and described in item E, above.
- 2. Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of other medical care under the State plan.

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G. Payment:

Payment for case management services under the State plan is made on a monthly basis and does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

1. Services that are otherwise eligible for payment on a separate schedule under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475, or other rules of the Department, are not eligible for payment as case management services.
2. Persons who are receiving home and community-based services under a waiver granted pursuant to §1915(c) of the Act are not eligible to receive the case management services described in this supplement.
3. Persons who are receiving case management services through the Veterans Administration are not eligible for medical assistance covered case management services while they are receiving case management through the Veterans Administration. This payment limitation is applicable only if Veterans Administration reimbursed case management services are substantially similar to case management services covered by medical assistance.
4. The Department may suspend, reduce, or terminate the payment to a case management service provider that does not meet requirements, such as reporting. The county of responsibility is responsible for any federal disallowances but may share this responsibility with its contracted vendors.